

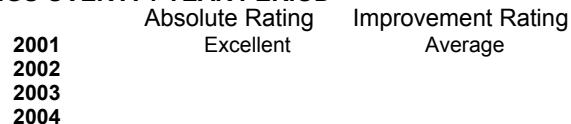
ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 58.

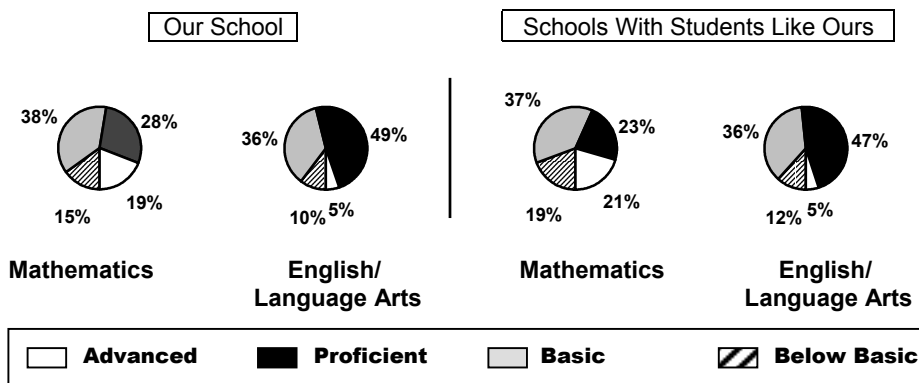
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=443)	89.8	84.9	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=17)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=426)	92.3	87.1		
Gender				
Male (n=228)	88.6	86		
Female (n=215)	91.2	83.7		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=77)	79.2	64.9		
Hispanic (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=361)	92	88.9		
Other (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=125)	78.4	72.8		
Pay for lunch (n=318)	94.3	89.6		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,261	N/A	\$4,706	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	89%	Down from 94.7%	90.7%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.3 to 1	N/A	20.5 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=466)				
• Attendance Rate	97%	Down from 97.2%	96.6%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.9%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	1.8%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	N/A	N/A	94.9%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	1.5%	No change	2.4%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=30)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.6 Days	Up from 5	7.7 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.2%	Down from 97.5%	95.4%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	73.3%	Down from 77.4%	54.3%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	93.3%	Up from 87.1%	87.1%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	80.7%	Down from 82%	89.3%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,875	Up 3.8%	\$38,826	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	63.2%	N/A	65.7%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	7	N/A	4.8	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	92.5%	N/A	98%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	31.2%	Up from 18.4%	28.3%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Up from 0%	0.6%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	3	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	33.2%	Up from 27%	23.8%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	4.8%	Up from 4.2%	7.9%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Wateree Elementary School was re-opened in 1992 to serve grades 4 and 5. Our school was restructured again two years ago when over half of our population was moved to a new school. We now serve grades 4-6.

The restructuring of our school presented us with new challenges in staffing, curriculum, and scheduling. Our SIC and PTO have played an active role in helping us establish goals, in assessing facility and curricular needs, in securing parental as well as community support, and in fundraising.

We are proud of the strong instructional staff, high parental involvement, and the many successes for which our school is known in our community. The 2000 PACT performance of our students is in the Top 10 in all 3 grades and resulted in our school meeting all of its achievement goals. The 6th grade performance at our school defies the national trends of declining test scores in middle school grades.

Wateree Elementary School has been the recipient of numerous local and state awards for its outstanding programs. This year 6th grade teacher, Fran Miller, was one of two district teachers to be selected to attend the National Science Teachers Convention. Our Teacher of the Year, Lavoy Carter, was chosen as one of the 5 District Honor Roll Teachers. Our school earned district awards this year for 100% Top Ten PACT Achievement and Highest Student Attendance, and we were honored to be named a Palmetto's Finest Finalist.

We will soon face the challenges of further restructuring as the district converts our school to a K-5 facility. In the coming school year our building will be under construction, and plans will need to be made to again accommodate changes in staff, curriculum, and grade structure. Our parents and staff will be challenged to maintain the high level of success that has become the standard for our school while at the same time prepare for the changes to come. As the home of "Cardinal Pride", Wateree Elementary School will remain dedicated to excellence.

Brenda Taylor, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	96.6	72.6	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	93.1	71.7	
Satisfied with home-school relations	96.6	87.3	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Wateree Elementary
424 Wildwood Lane
Lugoff, SC 29078

Grades 4-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 466 Students

Principal

Mrs. Brenda M. Taylor 803-438-8018

Superintendent

Dr. Ralph A. Cain 803-432-8416

Board Chair

Charles B. Baxley 803-438-4200

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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